

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to applicant's affidavit of 12/27/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,4-13,15,16,27-31,35,36,38-49 and 51-53: now renumbered as 1-35.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Geist, Jr. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,491,808) discloses a method for dynamically tracking memory resource allocations/deallocations of a program resident in the memory of a network file server wherein calls to system memory allocation functions are intercepted and diverted to memory resident tracker routines, interposed between the caller and the called functions to monitor returns from the called functions. However, the invention as claimed "determining that the kernel mode driver is to be monitored, wherein determining that the kernel mode driver is to be monitored includes checking a registry setting and wherein the kernel mode driver verifier is capable of testing the kernel mode driver by simulating a low resource condition including failing requests for memory pool allocation", when taken in the context of the claims as a whole, was not uncovered in the prior art teaching.

Nor were references uncovered that would have provided a basis of evidence for asserting a motivation that one of ordinary skill level in the art at time the invention was made, knowing of a method for dynamically tracking memory resource allocations/deallocations of a program resident in the memory of a network file server wherein calls to system memory allocation functions are intercepted and diverted to memory resident tracker routines, interposed between the caller and the called functions to monitor returns from the called functions, would have integrated or modified to teach the method for monitoring kernel driver such that determining that a kernel mode driver is to be monitored, wherein determining that the kernel mode driver is to be

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monitored includes checking a registry setting and wherein a kernel mode driver verifier is capable of testing the kernel mode driver by simulating a low resource condition including failing requests for memory pool allocation.

Dependent claims are allowed as they depend upon allowable independent claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charles E. Anya whose telephone number is (571) 272-3757. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:30-5:00).


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Thomson can be reached on (571) 272-3718. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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